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ATTN: MESSRS KIEFER, BEERLI, PARANGOSKY

1. GENERAL POWER, GENERAL COMPTON, COL MONTOYA AND COL GEARY [REDACTED] A-12 WAS READY AND AFTER GIVING THEM A SHORT BRIEFING TAKE OFF WAS MADE AT 0930. A 50 MINUTE FLIGHT WAS MADE INCLUDING A LOW LEVEL FLYBY FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE VISITORS. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] IT WAS NECESSARY FOR THE PARTY TO LEAVE IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE A-12 WAS SHUT DOWN.

2. DURING THE FLIGHT THE VISITORS WERE SHOWN [REDACTED] INSTALLATIONS. GENERAL POWER SPOKE AT SOME LENGTH ON THE ADAPTABILITY OF THE AIRCRAFT TO BOMBARDMENT OR RECONNAISSANCE STRIKE MISSIONS. HE WAS FAMILIAR WITH THE AIR CHARACTERISTICS AND ASKED MANY PERTINENT QUESTIONS. KELLY JOHNSON FLEW BACK TO LAS VEGAS WITH THE GROUP SO FURTHER INFORMATION WILL BE FROM HIM.

3. GENERAL POWER SEEMED VERY IMPRESSED WITH THE AIRCRAFT

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AND EXCEPTIONALLY PLEASED BY ITS APPARENT FLYING CHARACTERISTICS.

4. THE FLIGHT PROGRAM PERFORMED 12 MAY WAS AS FOLLOWS:
CLIMB OUT WITH AFTERBURNERS TO 40,000 FT, MAXIMUM MACH NUMBER
.87; FLUTTER INVESTIGATIONS RUN AT ALTITUDES FROM 20,000 TO
30,000 FEET AT MACH NUMBERS FROM .68 TO .78. AIRCRAFT PERFORMED
SATISFACTORIALLY NO ADVERSE FLUTTER CHARACTERISTICS NOTED.
NEXT FLIGHT TEST SCHEDULED FOR TUESDAY.

5. ANY REF TO THIS MESSAGE SHOULD BE EYES ONLY []

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